by securing the cooperation of a number of University teachers, the University has been able to declare a majority of the results.

Tampering of Taxi Meters

2896. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of large scale tampering of taxi meters, including TSR meters to the detriment of travelling public in Delhi have come to Government's notice;

(b) if so, the number of such cases registered during each quarter of 1988 and 1989, so far; and

(c) what steps have been taken to prevent such exploitation of the public by car and TSR taxi drivers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Delhi Administration has intimated that during the quarter ending June, 1989, 9 cases in respect of taxi meters and 374 cases in respect of auto-rickshaw meters have been registered. In the earlier quarters in 1988 and 1989, they did not register any case. The periodical checkings of the fare-meters are carried out by Controlling of Weights and Measures with the help of the enforcement Wing of the Directorate of Transport of Delhi Administration.

Admission made in Kendriya Vidyalayas on the recommendations of Members of Parliament

2897. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of admissions in the various Kendrrya Vidyalayas so far on the recommendations of the Members of Parliament during the current year and what is the percentage of admission on an average in respect of each of the Members of Parliament who have made recommendations;

(b) what is the number of recommendations of the Members of Parliament pending with his Ministry giving the names of the M.Ps, and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the pending recommendations of the M.Ps. for admissions in the Central Schools are likely to be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has been empowered to grant admission under special dispensation. There is no separate quota fixed for admissions to be made on the basis of recommendations made by Member of Parliaments. However the recommendations of some of the Members of Parliament are still under consideration and decisions thereon are expected to be taken shortly.

Cancellation charges on railway tickets

2898. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has conducted a survey or collected information from countries having big Railway networks, before deciding to levy cancellation charges of 50 per cent in case the reserved tickets are cancelled within two days of the scheduled departure of the train and for which the date of the journey is also not counted for the purpose; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Allotment of land to Vidya Education Society in Delhi

2899. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that land meant for non-aided and non-profit making bodies has been allotted to Vidya Education Society to run its Pusa Public School by Delhi Administration; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Conference with Pentagon on Defence Matters

@2899-A. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to organise a joint Defence Ministry—Pantagon (USA) Conference on defence matters in September, this year;

(b) the criteria to be followed to select the participants; and

(c) the names of the persons selected so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The Government of India has accepted an invitation from the US National Defence University to participate in a non-official Workshop on Security and strategic Issues relating to the Indian Ocean and South Asian region. The Indian delegation will comprise academics as well as officials who will be selected on the basis of their background and experience relating to the topics covered by the Workshop. The composition of the delegation has not yet been finalised.

Memorandum from the owners of the Dhakeshwari Cotton Mills Limited Calcutta

@@2899-B SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated 27th March, 1989 has been received by the Prime Minister from the owners of the Dhakeshwari Cotton Mills Limited, Calcutta-73 about disposal of their properties by Bangladesh Government;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been initiated by the Government of India to ensure that the sale proceeds of their properties are paid to the owners; and

(c) whether any request for granting a term loan has been made by the mill owners and if so, whether the same is under consideration of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) A memorandum dated 27-3-89 addressed to the Prime Minister has been received.

(b) Government have on a number of occasions approached the Bangladesh Government for compensation for the property of the Dhakeshwari

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@Previously Unstarred Question 2587 transferred from the 8th August 1989.

@@Previously unstarred Question 2915, transferred from the 10th August 1989.